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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE CARLOW SELIMAN HAS
ANNOUNCED THAT THE GODR STATE SUGAR COUNCIL (CEA) IS
PLANNING TO SPEND BETWEEN \$60 AND \$80 MILLION ON THE
MODERNIZATION OF THE STATE SUGAR INDUSTRY. SELIMAN, WHO
IS EX OFICIO PRESIDENT OF THE CEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
INDICATED THAT THE MONEY WOULD BE SPENT ON EXPANSION AND
MODERNIZATION OF THE CEA SUGAR MILLS (CEA RUNS TWELVE OF
THE COUNTRY'S SIXTEEN), AS WELL AS ON IMPROVEMENTS IN
TRANSPORTATION AND CROP VARIETIES. SELIMAN SAID THAT CEA
IS DISCUSSING THE PROJECT WITH THE WORLD BANK AND HAS ENGAGED
AN QUOTE INTERNATIONAL FIRM OF WORLD REPUTATION RECOMMENDED
BY THE WORLD BANK UNQUOTE TO PRODUCE A FEASIBILITY STUDY.
(SELIMAN LATER TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE NAME OF THE FIRM IS
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